

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information editing apparatus for editing a logical format of recorded AV information in a recording medium, the recorded AV information including at least image information, the apparatus comprising:

a first selecting device for selecting [[an]] a thumbnail image from images corresponding to image information included in the recorded AV information, the logical recording format comprising a flag that indicates whether an image included in the recorded AV information or an image which is not included in the recorded AV information should be used as a thumbnail,

a second selecting device for selecting [[an]] a thumbnail image from images not included in the image information of the recorded AV information,

a controlling device adapted to determine whether the image selected by the first selecting device or the image selected by the second selecting device should be specified as the thumbnail image,

a recording device for recording first position information and second position information on the recording medium, the first position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the first selecting device, the second position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the second selecting device, and for setting the flag in accordance with the determination of the controlling device.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The information editing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the thumbnail image selected by the second selecting device is an image obtained from external image information or an image recorded beforehand on the recording medium other than the images corresponding to the image information in the recorded AV information.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The information editing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when another image is selected by the second selecting device after the second position information is recorded, the recording device rerecords a recording position of image information, which corresponds to the additionally selected image, as new second position information on the recording medium.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information editing method for editing a logical format of recorded AV information in a recording medium, the recorded AV information including at least image information, the method comprising:

a first selecting process for selecting [[an]] a thumbnail image from images corresponding to the image information of the recorded AV information, the logical recording format comprising a flag that indicates whether an image included in the recorded AV information or an image which is not included in the recorded AV information should be used as a thumbnail,

a second selecting process for selecting [[an]] a thumbnail image from images not included in the image information of the recorded AV information,

a determination process for determining whether an image from images corresponding to the image information of the recorded AV information or an image not included in the image information of the recorded AV information should be specified as a thumbnail image, and

a recording process for recording first position information and second position information on the recording medium, the first position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the first selecting process, the second position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the second selecting process, and for setting the flag in accordance with the determination of the determination process.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The information editing method according to claim 4, wherein the thumbnail image selected by the second selecting process is an image obtained from external image information or an image recorded beforehand on the recording medium other than the images corresponding to the image information in the recorded AV information.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The information editing method according to claim 4, wherein when another image is selected by the second selecting process after the second position information is recorded, the recording process rerecords a recording position of image information, which corresponds to the additionally selected image, as new second position information on the recording medium.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information editing program stored in memory means and written as program codes adapted to enable a computer to perform predetermined steps for editing a logical format of recorded AV information in a recording medium, the recorded AV information including at least image information, when the program codes are run on the computer,[[,]]

the predetermined steps includes

a first selecting process for selecting [[an]] a thumbnail image from images corresponding to the image information of the recorded AV information, the logical recording format comprising a flag that indicates whether an image included in the recorded AV information or an image which is not included in the recorded AV information should be used as a thumbnail,

a second selecting process for selecting [[an]] a thumbnail image from images not included in the image information of the recorded AV information,

a determination process for determining whether an image from images corresponding to the image information of the recorded AV information or an image not included in the image information of the recorded AV information should be specified as a thumbnail image, and

a recording process for recording first position information and second position information on the recording medium, the first position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the first selecting process, the second position information indicating on the recording medium a recording position of image information corresponding to the image selected by the second

selecting process, and for setting the flag in accordance with the determination of the determination process.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The information editing program according to claim 7, wherein the thumbnail image selected by the second selecting process is an image obtained from external image information or an image recorded beforehand on the recording medium other than images corresponding to the image information in the recorded AV information.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The information editing program according to claim 7, wherein when another image is selected by the second selecting process after the second position information is recorded, the recording process is caused to rerecord a recording position of image information, which corresponds to the additionally selected image, as new second position information on the recording medium.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): An information recording medium for recording the information editing program according to claim 7.